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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Commission and Council recommendations for labour market reform in France

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Commission and Council recommendations for labour market reform in France

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Commission's recommendations provide further encouragement for hiring on the basis of open-ended contracts, by making this form of employment more flexible;
- B. whereas the Commission expressed its concern that recent wage restraint remains insufficient;
- C. whereas, in view of overstaffing in French companies, making layoffs easier during downturns could result in 100 000 to 200 000 French employees being made redundant;
- D. whereas, OECD research has shown that the reduced job security caused by making layoffs easier could lead employees to set aside precautionary savings (thereby reducing consumption levels and domestic demand) and would exacerbate problems with accessing housing and bank loans;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to consider whether it is appropriate to include such proposals in their recommendations, when French unemployment levels are essentially cyclical rather than structural.